

# Berwyn Banner

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### Benedict "Ben" Brocato: 1943 - 2007



Alderman Ben Brocato, 63, died, March 8, MacNeal Hospital. He had stopped

his car in traffic because he felt ill and was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead of a heart-related problem. Mr. Brocato, an alderman in the 5th Ward since 1997, was the current senior alderman on our City Council.

"He was so beloved by constituents," said Berwyn Mayor Michael O'Connor. "The senior citizens would call him on the phone and ask, "Can you help me?" and he would go off and do it. He was such a generous and friendly guy. Ben was the quintessential public servant always helping anyone in any way he could."

Shortly after he and his wife, Maureen, bought their home in 1970, he became involved in the community, first in his son's school in District 98 as well as with Cub Scouts, PTA and as a band parent.

In 1997, at the prompting of friends, he ran for alderman and won. He was re-elected twice.

"Being so involved in the community and loving it as much as he did, he would be able to contribute a lot more as an alderman," said his wife of 41 years.



The new website for the City of Berwyn will be up during the month of April. The address stays the same but you will

...just a phone call away"; he was always accessible to his ward. He had served as chairman of the city's Fire and Police

"He felt you had to get involved

in your neighborhood, and he

did. He always believed in giving back to his community."

Ald. Brocato's business card read

"Respect...Response....Results

Committee and the Public Works Committee. He was recently appointed chairman of the Education Committee.

He helped launch many of the city's senior citizen programs, from the senior bus to the advocate program, and was very proud of his involvement in Berwyn's "Summerfaire".

Ald. Brocato was a member of the Roosevelt Road Business Association, the Italian-American Civic Organization of Berwyn and a volunteer for the West Suburban United Way.

A replacement for the fifth ward alderman is appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council. According to state law the mayor must submit a candidate for approval within 60 days.

Residents having any questions or needing service are encouraged to call the mayor's office at 788-2660 ext. 231.

notice a big difference.

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#### Funds Help Improve Berwyn Park District's Liberty Center

Berwyn Park District Commissioner Jeff Boyaijan and Director Jeff Janda receive a check from Mayor O'Connor for \$125,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program. This funding will help provide improvements to Berwyn Park District's "Liberty Center", 6445 W. 27th Place. Improvements include new restrooms, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems as well as demolition of part of the building. The cost of the entire project is \$347,000. The new facility will provide much needed additional recreation for seniors and youth alike.

### Berwyn Fire Department 99.6% "on-time" Rating in National Study

A special report published in the Boston Globe analyzed 20,000 U.S. fire departments' first response to emergency incidents.

The report, which is available online at Fire Response-Boston.com, ranks the City of Berwyn's 99.6% "on time" rating as one of the best nationwide.

The National Fire Protection Association has established that a department needs its first fully staffed engine on the fire scene in less than six minutes. The NFPA states that a basic house fire requires a minimum of fourteen equipped firefighters for a standard response and has concluded that two Engine Companies, one Truck Company and a Command vehicle are needed for the basic house fire.

"The Berwyn Fire Department's response times are well under the National Fire Protection Associations' minimum standards," states Berwyn Fire Chief Richard Kalivoda. "We are about one half of the required standard of six minutes for the first fully equipped engine to be on scene or about three minutes on average."

Fire statistics were extracted from the National Fire Incident The data Reporting System. looked at residential building fires, including the time of alarm, time of arrival etc. Fire departments, listed by state and city were graded on meeting minimum response time standards.

During the time period studied Berwyn maintained a 99.6% "on time" rating. The Globe's research indicated that fulltime career fire departments in the United States averaged 57.7% "on time" ratings in over 90% of the fires reported." It appears that Berwyn is well above average in "on time" response for the type of fires studied.

Berwyn Fire Chief Richard Kalivoda attributes the City's excellent response time to several factors. "We do have three fire stations strategically located in about each one third of the city," he said, "including fire engines, trucks, ambulances, equipment and our own 911 dispatch center. But our most important resource is our people. Our career firefighters, emergency medical staff, and 911 dispatchers respond to each call with enthusiasm and confidence. The dedication of these people truly makes the difference."



# From The Mayor's Desk by Michael O'Connor

As I sit down to write my column this month, there were so many things to write about, but the sudden death of 5th Ward Alderman Ben Brocato is foremost on my mind. This is a sad time for our community. Every person that talks to me describes Ben in the same way, "He was such a nice guy". He had a great sense of humor and will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and be sorely missed.

In addition, the death of a young man at the hands of a classmate who had only been enrolled for two days at Heritage School, was very disturbing. I can assure everyone that the safety and welfare of our community and children are our number one priority. This case and all the incidents that led up to this unfortunate attack are still under investigation by the Police Department. A committee of administrators from Berwyn schools will be reviewing current and additional safety measures that may need to be taken in the future, to insure that every precaution has been taken to guarantee our children's safety.

In January the City Council approved my request to hire an additional 5 police officers. Three were current officers in other communities that would like to work in Berwyn. These officers will receive a short 4-week orientation and be on the street. Two were sent to the police academy for training. The addition of these officers will assure our ability to split the City from the current six zones to seven. The new zones and procedures will increase police visibility. We now have an increase of 12 new officers in the last two years.

I have hired Bruce Bonebrake, a former City Manager and City Attorney in Winfield as well as other communities, as the City Attorney. He will also serve as the interim Administrative Coordinator during Scott Waguespack's leave of absence during his candidacy for Chicago Alderman.

On December 26<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Navarro started as the Berwyn's Financial Director. She was employed in an auditing firm in Wisconsin spending more than half or her time auditing municipalities finances. Her experience as an auditor has already showed me that she will be an asset to the city. The need for accuracy and a professional Finance De-



partment was very evident and I am confident that Ms. Navarro will be up to the task.

One of my major goals as Mayor was to complete the city's audits for 2003, 2004 and 2005. I am happy to report that at press time a draft of the 2005 audit has been submitted to the City Council for their approval. Completing this task was essential to planning for our financial future and the city's economic development. We plan to start the 2006 audit in May. When completed the city's finances will be completely up to date.

As winter is coming to an end and spring is upon us the Public Works Director and I are preparing to review the snow removal plans for the city. During the first two winters in office we had not received any significant snow accumulations until the 12 -13 inches we received on February. That snowfall proved to me as well as the Director, Pat Ryan, that changes need to be made to our plan, mostly because of the confusion of whether or not a "Snow Emergency" was to be called and who was to call it. I can assure you that the concerns of the community will be addressed. We received many complaints and numerous compliments but a consistent plan must be in place to clear the streets of the snow regardless of the amount of accumulation.

The Super Block project (Cermak & Oak Park Ave.) has moved into a new phase. The City Council approved a new developer for the site. Acosta, Kruse & Zemenides, LLC has proposed a plan to refurbish the former Bank building and build on the balance of the block a mixed use of retail, parking, and condos. We are currently negotiating a contract and may be able to begin construction sometime in the early fall

# Street Light or Alley Light Out?

Contact Public Works at: 708-749-4700
Emails should be sent to: darlenepw@sbcglobal.net or fax to: 708-749-9503

Coffee With The Mayor Saturday, May 5th 9am—11am

Everyone is welcome to join the Mayor
for a cup of coffee, learn what new things are
happening in Berwyn and ask questions or voice any
concerns you may have.

Located in Council Chambers at City Hall, 6700 W. 26th Street.

#### Berwyn's Cermak Road Corridor to Get "Main Street Makeover"

Join the "Visioning" Session April 23, 2007



Berwyn's historic Cermak Road is going to get a "Main Street Makeover" thanks to recently becoming part of the Illinois Main Street program.

The Main Street program promotes the historic preservation and economic development of traditional business districts, and has helped create more than 1,500 new businesses and \$500 million of investments in downtowns statewide.

The Main Street designation allows the city to access intensive training and services from the state to help build a comprehensive downtown management program.

Wendy Bell, Illinois Main Street Coordinator from Lt. Governor Pat Quinn's office will lead a "visioning" session April 23 to talk about the benefits of the Main Street program and how it will positively affect Cermak Road.

All Berwyn residents and Cermak Road business owners are invited to attend. The meeting will include a question-and-answer session, as well as an opportunity for those in attendance to share their opinions, ideas and goals for a revitalized Cermak Road. Attendees will also have an opportunity to learn about volunteer opportunities on various Berwyn Main Street committees.

Berwyn was one of seven towns accepted in 2006 by the Lt. Governor's office as a new "Associate Level" Main Street. A 13-member committee made up of Berwyn citizens and led by 4th Ward Alderman Michele Skryd began

meeting last summer to work on the extensive Illinois Main Street application.

"Illinois Main Street is a proven program that helps make historic downtowns more vibrant, more beautiful and more prosperous," Skryd said. "This is one of the best things that can happen for the Cermak Road Corridor, which we believe can be a window to both Berwyn's past and future. This program is a great thing for Berwyn residents and businesses."

Since the program's inception in 1993, Illinois Main Street communities have gained more than 1,500 new downtown businesses and seen the creation of 3,200 full-time jobs and 2,400 part-time jobs. The Main Street program has spurred more than \$123 million in public improvements and more than \$411 million in private investment.

There are currently 69 active Main Street communities, including Madison Avenue in Forest Park and the suburbs of St. Charles and Waukegan.

The Main Street program takes a four-point approach: 1) Develop an effective downtown management organization. 2) Improve the appearance of buildings and streetscape through historic preservation. 3) Promote the district's downtown through marketing and special events. 4) Improve the downtown's economic base by assisting and recruiting businesses, and by finding new uses for under-utilized space.

The April 23rd presentation is open to the public and will be held in the community room of the Berwyn Police Department, 6401 W. 31st St. The session will begin at 6:30 p.m. with food and refreshments. Bell's presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Do Not Rake Leaves into Street!**

Raking leaves into the streets causes damage to the street sweepers and clogs sewer drains. Violators may incur a fine of \$50 per day. The Police Department will issuing tickets to residences doing this.

### From The Desk of The Chief of Police

William Kushner

Have you seen it? Have you noticed the changes? The Berwyn Police Department is in the process of changing its cars, changing SUVs to sedans; from white cars with tape graphics to black and white cars with newly designed graphics and our new slogan "Serving with Pride."

We added officers, started a K-9 unit, ordered new bikes and cars for the Community Service Officers, Parking Enforcement Officers, and Citizens On Patrol, as well as a new prisoner transport vehicle. The multi jurisdiction Gang Task Force, now called WEDGE, is operational. We are proud to be ranked second in the State of Illinois and 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Berwyn's National Night Out! We have received notice from the State of Illinois that Index Crime in Berwyn is DOWN 4% in 2006 from 2005.

Two officers have attended Detective Training at the Chicago Police Academy, and A new prisoner transport vehicle and patrol bikes have been purchased with grant funds.

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many officers have attended training ranging from handgun retention techniques to advanced management issues. Perhaps you're thinking "So what? My garage was still hit with graffiti." All the improvements in service, additional manpower and new technologies have come together to effect a 4 % reduction in index crimes. This is a great start. Graffiti reports are down, but arrests for graffiti are up!

In the past weeks, we've arrested 2 subjects responsible for breaking over 40 windows in Berwyn. Upon being taken into custody, the offenders admitted to breaking windows in four surrounding

communities; they stated they broke the windows with marbles and slingshot as they drove to and from work in Des Plaines, simply because they were bored. These subjects were charged with 6 counts of felony damage to property; indictments followed for an additional 34 cases from Berwyn alone!

Additionally, as a result of a cooperative effort with North Riverside Police, we have been able to put an end to a major robbery ring. Charges are pending against several offenders implicated in numerous robberies throughout Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.



squads and wondered about the "strange" spotlight. Six of the vehicles are now equipped with thermal imaging cameras; these Forward Looking Infra Red or FLIR devices enable the officers to see heat signatures of people, hand and foot prints, as well as other things, right on the car computer screen. Additionally, we've secured a \$250,000 grant from the State Board of Education earmarked for cameras that will be mounted on all the elementary and middle schools in Berwyn. When renewing this grant later this year, we will be able to install cameras further away from each school, along the primary travel routes. All of these cameras, from both Phase I and Phase II, will be monitored 24 hours a day in the Berwyn Police Department. Grant funding was also secured for an Anti-Bullying Program. Officers will begin teaching this program in the very near future.

I'm writing this column shortly after the services of a Middle School student stabbed by another student. At a Neighborhood Watch meeting last week, someone asked me "What can we do to stop this from happening again?" My answer was very simple-hug your kids; get involved in their lives; be a nosy parent! Know their friends; look through their dresser drawers and closets! Know the parents of your kids' friends! Share your concerns with other parents. Your kids do not need YOU to be their FRIEND; they NEED YOU to be their PARENT!! Please, spend time with your kids tonight, so that we don't have to spend time with your kids tomorrow!

Some of you may have heard me at a City Council Meeting say that I am "accountable." I am, and believe that all the personnel in the Department need to be held accountable. I have accompanied the command staff to Accountability Meetings held by the Chicago Police Department; out of these meetings, we have developed our version of Accountability. Watch Commanders, Unit Commanders, and street supervisors, on a monthly basis, now have to justify, their shifts' activity, what type of directed missions they have formulated, results and shift overtime. Working together, citizens and police, we can help keep Berwyn a safe and beautiful community!



- 500 Physicians and Specialists
- Level II Trauma Emergency Department
- Birthing Center
- Full Service Cardiology
- Open Heart Surgery
- Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Occupational Health
- Orthopedic & Sports Medicine
- Behavioral Health Services
- Home Care and Hospice
- 11 Neighborhood Healthcare Centers
- Community Health Programs

- 500 Doctores y Especialistas
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#### The Alderman's Corner

From the Desk of : Alderman Nona N. Chapman

Exciting events are happening from the Depot District's kickoff Mother's Day weekend flower and gift sale, to its Oktoberfest fall street fair, as Uptown Berwyn bustles with community activity.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming Historic Depot District Special Events.

**Bloomin' Blooms for U** – "Mother's Day gifts that keep on growing." Located in the municipal parking lot at 33rd and Grove, this annual event has expanded to showcase unique gift items for the special ladies in our lives. Includes Master Gardener talks and demonstrations, customized containers, gift baskets, children's activities and more. Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or while supplies last).

**Open Market Days** – "An old European atmosphere offering a wide variety of items, including fresh produce and foods, hand-made treasures and more." Also located at the municipal parking lot on 33rd and Grove, the Saturday morning Depot District market is a gathering place to mingle, socialize and purchase quality goods at reasonable prices. Listen to the sounds of local street musicians, relax with a great cup of coffee and enjoy the spirit of community. Residents, neighborhood groups and vendors are welcome on a weekly basis from June 9th through September 8th (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon).

Cruise Nites – Cruise the Historic Depot District the first and third Tuesdays of the month from June through August (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). Display your classic or custom car, truck or motorcycle. No registration or fee is required and everyone is welcome. Parking along Windsor and Stanley Avenues will fill quickly, so plan on arriving early. A neighborhood sidewalk sale is planned in conjunction with the June 19th cruise.

Oktoberfest – The Depot District Special Events Committee has expanded this year's autumn festival to two nights. In addition to a full day of food, fun and frolic on Saturday, September 22nd, the Beer Garden will be open Friday night from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. and musical entertainment will be provided on the large stage at the intersection of Windsor and Grove Avenue. Saturday's festivities start at noon with amusement park rides, artists and artisans, crafters and vendors, live performances and a variety of food showcased. This highly anticipated event attracts a huge crowd and numerous activities are provided for the whole family to enjoy.

An Old-Fashioned "Home for the Holidays" - Once again scheduled in conjunction with the Berwyn Park District's "Polar Express," the Depot District's holiday event is set for Saturday, December 8th from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Kicking off with an opening ceremony at Proksa Park, the community is invited to enjoy carolers and strolling holiday performers, visit participating businesses with in-house activities and participate in special sales and drawings. Horse-drawn carriages, heated trolleys and tractor-pulled hayrides will transform Berwyn's Historic Depot District into a delightful winter scene of yesteryear. Rides will proceed through the neighborhood to Proksa Park and back to the Depot District. Once there, continue your holiday stroll, visit with Santa and enjoy the musical sounds of a winter wonderland. Ring in the holiday season with community pride and traditional festive spirit.

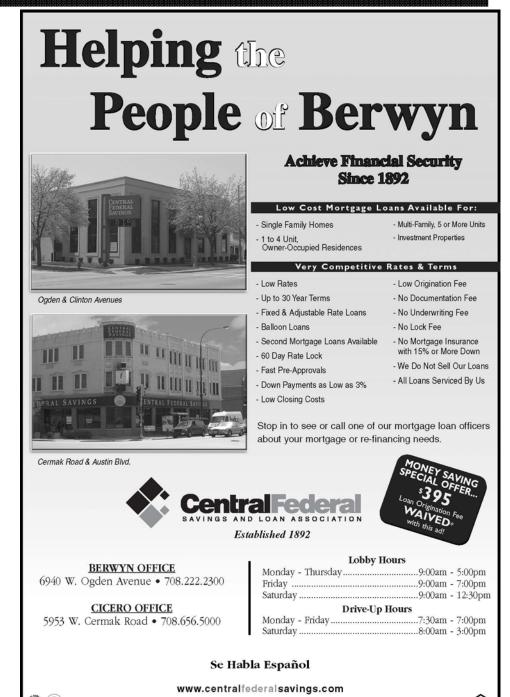
For further information, contact: Historic Depot District Special Events Committee at the Berwyn Development Corporation Telephone: (708) 788-8100



### Memorial Day Parade Sunday, May 27th

If your group is interested in participating in the parade please contact: Jeanmarie Hajer: 708-788-2660 ext. 290, jhajer@ci.berwyn.il.us or Frank Amaro, Combined Vets of Berwyn: 708-359-3710

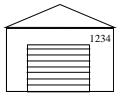
Look for more details on the website: www.Berwyn-il.gov



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All residential garages must post the address number on the alley side to aid the Fire and

Apply for your loan, soon. Limited time offer may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Offer good for owner-occupied residential properties up to 4 units



Police Departments in an emergency.

# BERWYN NIGHT AT U.S. CELLULAR FIELD Proceeds Benefit the Community Outreach Programs

White Sox vs. Tigers
Thursday, April 26, 2007
7:11pm

**Specially Priced White Sox Tickets!** 

Save \$10.00 per ticket. Tickets normally priced at \$31 are available for \$21. A portion of every ticket purchased goes to the City of Berwyn Outreach Program.

Mail this form with payment to: Sox-Berwyn Day Tickets City of Berwyn 6700 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street Berwyn, IL 60402

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# Berwyn Property Listed in National Register of Historic Places

Silhan House makes official list of places with national historical significance

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Robert Silhan House at 3728 S. Cuyler Ave. in Berwyn was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 20, 2007 by the National Park Service.

"The Silhan House's well-preserved Art Moderne characteristics helped place it on the nation's official list of historically significant properties," said Robert Coomer, director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which administers the National Register program in Illinois. "This is a prestigious recognition for the Silhan House as well as the community of Berwyn."

"This national recognition gives the residents of Berwyn another reason to be proud of their heritage," said Sen. Martin Sandoval.

"I am delighted to have a property in my district that has been honored with this historic designation," said State Rep. Daniel J. Burke.

Robert Silhan and his son, Robert Silhan, Jr. designed and built this residence in 1937. The design inspiration came from several visits the father and son made to the Chicago Century of Progress Exhibition in 1933-34. Robert Sr. was also indirectly influenced by exposure to modern architecture and art in his home country of Czechoslovakia before immigrating to the United States. The Silhan House incorporates almost all of the highstyle Art Moderne characteristics and is the strongest example of this architectural style of any single-family residence in Berwyn. It was also built with the same type of white-glazed block that was used for White Castle restaurants.

For more information on the National Register of Historic Places program in Illinois, visit www.Illinois-History.gov/PS/historicplaces.htm.

### Meet MacNeal's New Chaplain

MacNeal welcomed B. Dean Hokel, of Schaumburg, as Director of Pastoral Care, announced Laura Valencik, Director of Communications. He most recently spent sixteen years in hospital ministry as Director of Pastoral Services and CPE Associate Supervisor at Northwest Community Healthcare.

He holds his Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist, Kansas City, Missouri and a BS in Education from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He has completed several professional training and certification courses and holds credentials as a Board certified Chaplain and Associate Supervisor, ACPE. He brings thirty years of ministry experience including hospital, marriage and family therapy and parish focus. "Working with patients and their families is holy ground to me. When someone is sick or anxious, they are most vulnerable. To assist them with their faith in their vulnerability is an honor and is the main reason I

entered the ministry," Hokel

explained.

He cites three major attractions to MacNeal:

Location, A one-time Oak Park resident, he loves the MacNeal community and the Hispanic influence. "My long-term goal was to speak Spanish and I embrace the cultural immersion as a kick start on my Spanish lessons."

CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) Challenge: "Working with students as they continue their professional development is a transformational experience. It is also holy ground."

Community Outreach: "Building bridges within the pastoral community will help MacNeal be a good host to area pastors, rabbis and ministers without overtaxing them as we collaboratively help their parishioners during hospitalization."

Chaplain Hokel is the father of two grown children who live in Iowa with children of their own. He will be looking to relocate closer to the MacNeal community soon.

Chaplain Hokel can be reached at 708-783-3108 or dhokel@macneal.com.

#### **News from School District 100**

Dear District 100 Families:

A presentation was made to our Board of Education on District 100's "ISAT" and IMAGE test scores. Ms., Lucy Barahona, Director of Bi-lingual education and Mr. Jan Galbraith, Director of School Improvement, shared the District's progress and highlights as well as needed areas of improvement. This presentation took place at Komensky School on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 following our student awards presentation.

Overall, our District has improved 16.7% with particular improvement in our Math Content Area. We are proud of our district, the accomplishments of students, and the dedicated efforts of our families and staff members. As a district, we

know that education is a cooperative venture between home and school. It is with your continued support, combined with the resources and professional commitment of our staff, that we will cooperatively prepare our children for a future of success.

When our State School Report Card becomes available, we will place it on District 100's Website for your review. Please contact your school principal if you would like a hard copy. We anticipate that the State Report Card will be available within the next month.

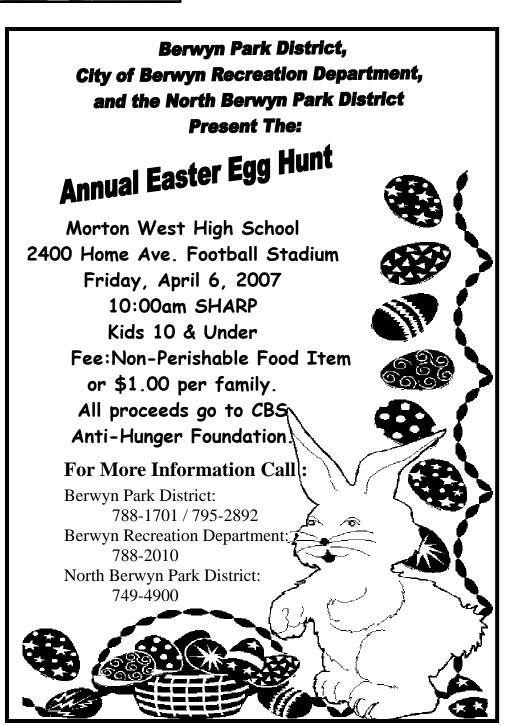
Thank you for your continued support.

www.bsd100.org

#### Paul Hruby Inducted into the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois Hall of Fame



Paul Hruby, 45-year resident and former Director of Recreation Dept., received a Proclamation on February 27th, from Mayor O'Connor and the City Council, for his many accomplishments including induction into the AHAI Hall of Fame. He has been a teacher, principal and coach, touching the lives of hundreds of kids throughout the years.



#### **Berwyn City Hall**

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8 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Name and information w	ithheld at the	e request of the alderman.

#### **Lincoln Middle School Chorus to Sing at National Festival**

During Beveryly Tarbox's five years teaching choir at Lincoln Middle School the group has grown from 7 members to over 30. The Chorus is open to any 6-8 graders that loves to sing and no audition to join the group is needed.

Last year the choir attended the America Sings Festival and sang and danced with over 1,000 students! This remarkable event teaches children the value of using their gifts to help others. They also performed community service projects, such as making sandwiches for Pacific Garden Mission, creating snack kits for Ronald McDonald House kids, and collecting canned goods for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The students were transformed that day and are excited about participating this year.

This year's festival is held in

Nashville, Tennessee. With the support of Principal Gail Quilty-Feit, Superintendent John Belmont and staff members of Lincoln Middle School, the chorus has been working throughout the year to raise \$10,000 for 20 students and 8 adults to cover the cost of the trip and participation in this exciting event. Only \$800 is needed to reach their goal. Donations are appreciated and can be sent to:

**Lincoln Middle School Attn: Beverly Tarbox** 6432 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Berwyn, IL 60402

On Tuesday, May 2nd, at 6:30, the chorus will be performing the music they'll be singing at America Sings! The program is about making a positive difference in the world. Cost of admission is \$2, plus a nonperishable food item.

The Circus is Coming To Berwyn

Save the Date

Thursday, September 6, 2007 Janura Park (East Avenue & 28th) Show Times: 4:30pm and 7:30pm

Watch for more information in future flyers

Sponsored by the South Berwyn Education Foundation

#### Want to be part of Berwyn's First **Preservation Commission?**

Berwyn's unique character of Victorian homes, beautiful brick buildings dating back to the 1890's and the city's participation in the Main Street program gave city officials many reasons to pass Berwyn's first preservation ordinance on November 28, 2006.

In order to enact the ordinance, and to give the city the local ability to protect historic properties a preservation commission must be established. The preservation commission will advise the council on properties in the city that are of historic value.

Mayor Michael O'Connor is seeking community volunteers to form the seven member commission. The Mayor stated that, "At least five members of the Commission shall have demonstrated

expertise in the discipline of history, architectural history, art hisbungalows, and commercial tory, architecture, engineering, planning, law, real estate, historic preservation or related field." He further stated that: "Citizens without these areas of expertise shall also be considered for the two remain slots on the commission if they have a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation."

> If you have the experience and knowledge and want to be involved in the formation of Berwyn's first preservation commission please send a short bio before April 20th to:

**Mayor Michael O'Connor** Mayor's office - City Hall 6700 W. 26th Street Berwyn, IL 60402

Dear Berwyn Water Customer:

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) rule requires all community water systems to provide reports to their customers on the quality of their drinking water. The City of Berwyn, in conjunction with the City of Chicago and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), is providing the required information pertaining to source water monitoring for the period January 2005 through December 2006. Our Report is on the following page.

The City of Berwyn has provided water that meets all the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) drinking water standards. The following reports are being provided to help you better understand the quality of the water you consume and use on a daily basis. Consumers with medical conditions may use the water quality analysis provided or request a City of Chicago complete water analysis, to consult with their family doctors. Others may learn ways to better protect their children from the effects of lead in our environment, or how to conserve water in our daily lives. A well-informed consumer is the best ally the City has in providing clean, safe

If there are any questions, or if additional information is needed, please contact Patrick Ryan, Director of Public Works, at (708) 788-1514. Sincerely,

CITY OF BERWYN Mayor Michael A. O'Connor

Christmas Holiday Decorations still up? With the beautiful spring weather upon us let's do some cleaning up and take them down!!

#### **Historic Berwyn's Bungalow Tour Needs You....Needs Your Home!**

Homes are IMMEDIATELY needed for the June 3, 2007 Historic Berwyn's Bungalow Tour. If you're proud of your home, then the Berwyn Historical Society wants to hear from you!

This year's tour area will focus on homes west of Oak Park Avenue, north of Cermak Road and south of 16th Street. While the majority of homes featured on the tour are bungalows, it is not limited to only one style of housing. The Society welcomes a variety of housing styles and interior spaces. Our goal is to showcase Berwyn's fine housing stock, in

all its variations.

Please contact Lori Thielen, Berwyn Historical Society President, at her store, Serendipity Antiques, 6733 Stanley Avenue. Store hours are Wednesday -Saturday, 11am- 6pm, and Sunday, 12-5pm. Phone: (708) 795-6733. You may also leave a message at the Berwyn Historical Society (708) 484-0020.

Please consider offering your home to help support the Berwyn Historical Society and promote the Berwyn community. We need your help ASAP!



## **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT Public Water Supply** For The Monitoring Year 2006

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WATER SUPPLY: The City of Berwyn purchased approximately 2.10 billion gallons of Chicago water through a City of Berwyn 24" supply main connected directly to the City of Chicago's supply grid. This connection provides all the water required by the City's local and retail customers. This water is received into a series of reservoirs and pumping stations, and then pumped to the City's local and retail customer base. The water is sampled and chlorinated as required to maintain the quality as delivered by the City of Chicago.

WATER QUALITY: The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality.

City Testing: The City of Berwyn tests the water supply for chlorine content on a daily basis to maintain the optimum levels for the consumers' needs. On a monthly basis, sixty (60) bacteriological samples are taken. On a quarterly basis, samples are submitted for Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Analysis. Samples are also provided for lead and copper monitoring on a schedule established by the IEPA. All testing and reports are performed according to the requirements of IEPA. A copy of the

IEPA Water Quality Report for Berwyn is included later in this report.

<u>Violations:</u> The testing of the City of Berwyn's water supply produced two minor monitoring violations for their facilities during the calendar year

Educational Information: 1) Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426 4701).

2) Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

3) Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the gen-

eral population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**4)** The City of Berwyn follows the water conservation recommendations of the IEPA on sprinkling restrictions. The City restricts sprinkling to the hours between 5:00 am to 9:00 am and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the period of May 15 to September 15.

Sources of Contamination: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic

wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

**Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

#### Additional Information:

For more information, contact the Director of Public Works of the City of Berwyn at (708) 788-1514. The City Council also meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

#### Lead and Copper Date Sampled: 12/31/2005

Definitions: Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. Action Level Goal (AGL): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. AGL's allow for a margin of safety.

Lead MCLG	↓ I Lead Action Level (AL.)   Lead 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile		# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# SitesOver Copper AL	Likely Source of Contamination		
0	15 ppb	14.8 ppb	3	1.3 ppm	<0.100 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		

**Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2006** 

Water Quality Test Results

**Definitions**: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

mg/l: milligrams per litre or parts per million or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. ug/l: micrograms per litre or parts per billion or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. na: not applicable. Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCL's is based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant	
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	10/11/2006 19.88		12.5 - 19.88	N/A	N/A 60		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]	7/19/2006 42.84		14.02 - 42.84	N/A	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Chlorine	12/31/2006	0.6938	0.4597 - 0.6938	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm		Water additive used to control microbes	

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

#### **2006 Violation Summary Table:**

Rule or Contaminant	Violation Type	Violation Duration			
<b>CHLORINE</b> Failure to collect the required number of samples for chlorine residual.	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MINOR	9/1/2006 To 9/30/2006			
<b>COLIFORM, TOTAL (TCR)</b> Failure to collect the required number of samples.	MONITORING (TCR), ROUTINE MINOR	9/1/2006 To 9/30/2006			

The above violation occurred when the City of Berwyn failed to submit the required number of samples for Chlorine and Total Coliform during the September monitoring period. Failure to monitor the bacteriological quality of the water could allow contamination in the water system to go undetected. Bacteriological contamination may indicate the presence of disease producing organisms that can cause an outbreak of waterborne disease. The City of Berwyn completed the required tests in early October and has completed all other tests in the time period required. No samples have tested positive for any bacteria. A cross reference system has been put into operation to prevent such occurrences in the future.

City of Chicago Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2006

Coliform Bacteria

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Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source Of Contamination
0	5% of monthly samples are positive	4	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	2	No	Naturally present in the environment

Lead and Copper Date Sampled: 12/31/2004

Definitions: Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Cop- per AL	Likely Source of Contamination
0	15 ppb	4 ppb	0	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	0.024 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Water Quality Test Results

are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety, mg/l: milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water, ug/l: micrograms per litre or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water, na: not applicable, Avg: Regulatory compliance with some Malls are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	7/25/2006	11.3	6.7 - 11.3	N/A	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]	7/25/2006	20.8	9.4 - 20.8	N/A	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	12/31/2006	0.6643	0.6382 - 0.6643	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm		Water additive used to control microbes

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Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant				
Barium	1/10/2006	0.02	Not Applicable	Not Applicable 2 2 ppm No Dischar				Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits				
Fluoride	1/10/2006	0.88	0.86 - 0.88	4	4	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge				
Nitrate-Nitrite	5/2/2006	0.35	0.3 - 0.35	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits				
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State Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
<b>Sodium</b> There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.	1/10/2006	6.8	6.7 - 6.8	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in water softener regeneration

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

Turbidity: Information Statemen	t: Turbidity is a measurement of the clou	diness of the wa	ater caused by s	uspende	ed particles. We monitor it because	it is a good indicator of water quality	and the effectiv	eness of our filtra	ation system and disinfecta
Limit (Treatment Technique)	Lowest Monthly % meeting limit	Violation	Source		Limit (Treatment Technique)	Highest Single Measurement	Violation	Source	-
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# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	A Roosevelt Rd Business Assoc. Annual Mtg. @ Fitzgerald's 6615 Roosevelt Rd. 5:30 - 7:30 pm	5	6 GOOD FRIDAY City hall closed Easter Egg Hunt 10 am @ Morton H. S. Hosted by the BPRC, BPD & NBPD City	7
8	TWP Health Department meeting-Noon TWP Meeting 6:30 Pm 26th St. & East Ave.	10 Berwyn City Council City Hall 8 pm Annual TWP & Health Department Mtg. 6 pm	11	12	13	14 Berwyn Public Library Parking Lot Dedication Ceremony 11 am
Hong Scout Troop 301 Pancake Breakfast 3625 Harlem Ave. 8 am - 1 pm	16	17 ELECTION DAY Polls open 6 am - 7 pm	18 District 100 School Board Hiawatha School 7 pm	19 All Berwyn Committee meeting @ City Hall 7 pm	20	21 BPD Children's Fair @ Liberty Center 10am– 2pm Kiwanis Pancake Day 32nd & Clinton Ave. 7am-1pm BHS Antique Show 9am-3pm
22 EARTH DAY	23	24 Berwyn City Council City Hall 8 pm	25	26 Berwyn - White Sox Game Community Outreach BDC Business After Hours at "Inclusive" 6319 Roosevelt Rd. 5-7 pm	27	Annual Baseball Parade & Opening Day Ceremony BPRC 31st St. & East Ave. 9am
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# **May 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Coffee With the Mayor City Hall 10am - noon
6	7	8 Berwyn City Council City Hall 8 pm	9	10	11 PAV YMCA Teeter Award Dinner Crystal Sky Banquets 6 pm	12 Mother's Day Plant Sale 33rd & Grove Ave. 8am– 2pm
13 MOTHER'S DAY	TWP Health Department meeting-Noon TWP Meeting 6:30 Pm 26th St. & East Ave.	15	16	17 All Berwyn Committee meeting @ City Hall 7 pm	18	Great American Mutt Show Sponsored by the BDC @ Morton High School 9am - 5 pm
20	21	22 Berwyn City Council City Hall 8 pm	23 District 100 School Board Freedom School 7 pm	24	25	26
27 Memorial Day Parade Cermak & Lombard Ave. to 31st St. & East Ave. 12:30 pm	28 MEMORIAL DAY City Hall Closed	29 These	30 lates	31 Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting City Hall 7 pm		

Saturday, June 2nd—Rt. 66 Bike Safety Ride

Sunday ,June 3rd - BHS Annual Bungalow Tour (708) 484-0020

Tuesday, June 5th - Cruise Nites begin in Depot District

Saturday, June 23rd - Cartopia Art Car sponsored by: The Berwyn Arts Council

Monday, July 16th—North Berwyn Dist. 98 Foundation Golf Outing

Tuesday, August 7th - National Night Out at Morton High School

Saturday September 8th - Route 66 Car Show on Ogden Avenue

If you have an event you would like highlighted in the *Berwyn Banner* please contact: Jeanmarie Hajer at JHajer@ci.berwyn.il.us